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**Abstract:** A bar code **10** incorporating thermochromic materials in selected modules **20** such that its code changes with temperature. Below a specified temperature, the bar code **10** displays the code as in Fig 3. Above this temperature, the bar code **10** shows a new code as in Fig 2. The bar code **10** is printed with conventional printing equipment (not shown) onto conventional printing media, and is scanned with conventional bar code scanning equipment (not shown).

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